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In re: City of Detroit, Michigan

Anthony V. Marrocco
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EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

In re:) Case No. 13-53845
CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN)
) Chapter 9
Debtor)
) Hon. Steven W. Rhodes

The Deposition of ANTHONY V. MARROCCO,
Taken at 21777 Dunham Road,
Clinton Township, Michigan,
Commencing at 10:15 a.m.,
Thursday, July 10, 2014,
Before Melinda S. Moore, CSR-2258.

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1 Clinton Township, Michigan
 2 Thursday, July 10, 2014
 3 10:15 a.m.
 4 ANTHONY V. MARROCCO,
 5 was thereupon called as a witness herein, and
 6 after having first been duly sworn to testify to
 7 the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the
 8 truth, was examined and testified as follows:
 9 **MR. WATSON:** Let the record reflect
 10 that this will be a deposition taken pursuant to
 11 Notice to be used for all purposes appropriate
 12 under the applicable court rules.
 13 **EXAMINATION**
 14 **BY MR. WATSON:**
 15 Q. Mr. Marrocco, I'll be asking you a series of
 16 questions. If you don't understand the question,
 17 want me to rephrase it or accommodate you in some
 18 way, please ask that I do so and I will try to
 19 accommodate. Otherwise, I'll assume you've heard
 20 the question, understand it, and are responding
 21 to it, okay?
 22 A. Okay.
 23 Q. Have you been deposed before?
 24 A. Probably.
 25 Q. So you know a court reporter cannot take down a

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1 nod of the head or non-verbal gesture. You have
 2 to answer verbally.
 3 A. So be it.
 4 Q. Will you state your name for the record.
 5 A. Anthony Marrocco.
 6 Q. And, Mr. Marrocco, will you tell us your
 7 educational background.
 8 A. High school, Notre Dame High School in Harper
 9 Woods, University of Detroit college in Detroit,
 10 bachelor of arts degree.
 11 Q. What was -- you're currently an employee of
 12 Macomb County?
 13 A. Yes.
 14 Q. What was your work experience prior to Macomb
 15 County?
 16 A. Prior to Macomb County, I built houses and
 17 developed property.
 18 Q. Did you own your own company?
 19 A. I worked with my father.
 20 Q. What was the name of the company?
 21 A. I have various companies -- Marrocco Enterprises,
 22 Amanda Corporation, Frosinone Company,
 23 F-r-o-s-i-n-o-n-e, partnership, Tava Investments,
 24 commercial -- some apartments.
 25 Q. And your father owned these companies or were you

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1 joint owners?
 2 A. He owned some. Other ones I was partnered with.
 3 Q. And how long did you do that, approximately?
 4 A. Well, when I was in high school, I helped him. I
 5 worked for him in the building-of-houses business
 6 in my summers in high school.
 7 Q. When did you graduate from high school?
 8 A. 1966.
 9 Q. When did you start at Macomb County?
 10 A. As commissioner?
 11 Q. Or just any employment at the county.
 12 A. Full-time or part-time?
 13 Q. Full-time.
 14 A. January 1, 1993.
 15 Q. And I take it from the time you started working
 16 with your father until '93 you were in this
 17 constructing homes business?
 18 A. Yeah.
 19 Q. What was the position you started with at Macomb
 20 County?
 21 A. In January '93?
 22 Q. Yes.
 23 A. Public Works Commissioner.
 24 Q. How long did you remain in that position?
 25 A. I am -- up to this day, I am currently the Public

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1 Works Commissioner.
 2 Q. And what are your job duties as Public Works
 3 Commissioner?
 4 A. I administer the Office of Public Works for the
 5 County of Macomb. And the Office of Public Works
 6 oversees a lot of construction in the county,
 7 whether it's sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water
 8 main projects. We sell bonds to finance projects.
 9 We have a Soil Erosion Department that issues soil
 10 erosion permits for probably 90% of the building
 11 that goes on in Macomb County. What else do we
 12 do? We review prints that come in our office. I
 13 don't do these individually. I administer the
 14 office and make sure I have the proper people
 15 working in the proper place.
 16 Q. Now, as I understand, there's only one Public
 17 Works Commissioner?
 18 A. For the county, yes.
 19 Q. For the county.
 20 A. But there are public works officials in other
 21 communities.
 22 Q. As part of your duty as Public Works
 23 Commissioner, did you have any dealings with the
 24 Detroit Water and Sewerage Department?
 25 A. As Public Works Commissioner?

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1 Q. Yes.
 2 A. Yes.
 3 Q. And can you explain the nature of your business
 4 dealings with DWSD.
 5 MS. BADALAMENTI: What time period?
 6 BY MR. WATSON:
 7 Q. Well, let's start off initially when you started,
 8 and then let's go to the 2000 -- early 2000 time
 9 frame.
 10 A. When I started in '93, I guess the initial
 11 dealings with Detroit were basically overseeing
 12 the rates that Detroit passed on to Macomb County,
 13 and then we would pass the rates on to the
 14 communities within the water -- excuse me, within
 15 the sanitary sewer district. So we only deal with
 16 Detroit on the sanitary sewer and the wastewater
 17 end. We're the primary customer.
 18 Q. And as I understand it, Detroit owned the system?
 19 A. Yes.
 20 Q. How did it come about that Detroit owned the
 21 Macomb County sewer system? Do you know?
 22 A. Well, I want to say probably -- hopefully my facts
 23 are correct. Probably in the 70s there was a big
 24 interceptor sewer brought out to Macomb County at
 25 15 Mile and extended over to Oakland County, and

1 you narrow down the time frame?
 2 BY MR. WATSON:
 3 Q. Well, when did negotiations first start with
 4 regard to the purchase of the system by Macomb
 5 from Detroit? Do you know?
 6 A. Oh, I would say approximately 2007.
 7 Q. Were you involved in the initial conversations
 8 regarding this purchase?
 9 A. I probably was.
 10 Q. What was your involvement?
 11 A. Initially the involvement was that we wanted to
 12 buy the system, from Detroit, that served Macomb
 13 County so we could maintain it.
 14 Q. And who are you talking with from Detroit about
 15 this?
 16 A. Probably would have been the director at the time.
 17 Q. Who was the director at the time?
 18 A. I think that was Victor Mercado.
 19 Q. In these discussions with Mercado, was it you and
 20 Mercado? Were others involved in the
 21 discussions?
 22 A. I don't remember.
 23 Q. Did these discussions eventually result in some
 24 type of agreement to purchase the system?
 25 A. Eventually it did.

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1 it was all basically put in with federal grant
 2 money. Detroit put that sewer in; therefore they
 3 were the owner of the sewer.
 4 Q. At some point was it decided that Detroit would
 5 sell the system to Macomb and Macomb would
 6 purchase the system from Detroit?
 7 A. Eventually.
 8 Q. And were you involved in that decision-making
 9 process?
 10 A. Which decision?
 11 Q. To -- from looking at it from Macomb's
 12 perspective, for Macomb to purchase the system
 13 from Detroit.
 14 A. Yes, I was involved.
 15 Q. I've heard rumors about some handshake deal
 16 between you and the director of the Detroit
 17 system that set the broad parameters for that
 18 purchase. Do you recall that at all?
 19 A. No.
 20 Q. Okay. Can you describe the nature of the
 21 negotiations or describe the negotiation process
 22 that eventually resulted in Macomb purchasing the
 23 system.
 24 MS. BADALAMENTI: I think that's a
 25 vague question that calls for a narrative. Can

1 Q. Do you recall there was a long-standing federal
 2 court case involving Detroit in which Judge
 3 Feikens was in effect overseeing Detroit's
 4 running of the sewer system? Do you recall such
 5 a case?
 6 A. Yes.
 7 Q. And if I call that the sludge case, is that what
 8 it was referred to?
 9 A. Not to my knowledge.
 10 Q. What did you refer to it as?
 11 A. Just an -- the EPA was forcing Detroit to make
 12 improvements to the system to clean up the Detroit
 13 River.
 14 Q. And was Macomb from time to time involved in that
 15 case?
 16 A. Yes.
 17 Q. Do you know why Macomb would get involved?
 18 A. Not exactly sure why, because you're looking at
 19 when the initial, I guess, lawsuit was filed by
 20 the EPA, which I'm guessing was back in the 70s.
 21 It was way before my time.
 22 Q. Did Macomb ever assert any claims against Detroit
 23 for Detroit's operation or what it considered
 24 faulty operation or excess charges in regard to
 25 the sewer system?

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1 **A. When? Give me a time frame.**
 2 Q. Well, I'm thinking 2000 -- early 2000s. Do you
 3 recall any of that?
 4 **A. I don't recall that.**
 5 **MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION:**
 6 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 1
 7 10:26 a.m.
 8 **BY MR. WATSON:**
 9 Q. Let me hand you, Mr. Marrocco, what's been marked
 10 as Exhibit No. 1. And my question to you is:
 11 Can you identify that document?
 12 **A. On the face it is -- United States of America is**
 13 **the plaintiff and counter-defendant versus the**
 14 **State of Michigan as defendant and**
 15 **counter-plaintiff versus City of Detroit, a**
 16 **municipal corporation, and Detroit Water and**
 17 **Sewerage Department, defendant and**
 18 **cross-plaintiff, and including all communities and**
 19 **agencies under contract with the City of Detroit**
 20 **for sewage treatment services.**
 21 Q. Was Macomb County one of the, I guess we could
 22 say, communities under contract with the City of
 23 Detroit for sewage treatment services?
 24 **A. Yes, at this time, I believe, whatever date this**
 25 **is.**

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1 Q. In thumbing through the agreement, I'm looking at
 2 page 7.
 3 **A. Um-hmm.**
 4 Q. Does that appear to be your signature on the
 5 agreement?
 6 **A. There's another page 7. There's two page 7s.**
 7 Q. Yeah. The second page 7.
 8 **A. Yes.**
 9 Q. Are you familiar with this agreement?
 10 **A. Without having -- no, not by just looking at it.**
 11 **I'd have to read it.**
 12 Q. Okay. Can you take a few minutes to look it
 13 over.
 14 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** Is there something
 15 specific you want to ask him about? I mean, it's
 16 a pretty lengthy agreement.
 17 **MR. WATSON:** Yes. I'm going to ask him
 18 about some of the language in the agreement.
 19 **THE WITNESS:** I've kind of looked at
 20 the first two pages.
 21 **BY MR. WATSON:**
 22 Q. Does that refresh your recollection at all?
 23 **A. Yeah, it does, a little bit.**
 24 Q. In looking at the first page of the agreement, I
 25 see it says "This Settlement Agreement...is made

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1 May 12, 2009," and lists various parties,
 2 including Detroit and the County of Macomb. Do
 3 you see that language?
 4 **A. Um-hmm. Yes.**
 5 Q. Do you remember entering into this agreement?
 6 **A. I remember entering into an agreement.**
 7 Q. And was the court involved in overseeing the
 8 negotiations between Detroit and Macomb and other
 9 entities that resulted in this agreement? Do you
 10 recall that?
 11 **A. I don't think they were in this. Because there's**
 12 **some issues here that -- I can't answer that. I**
 13 **don't think so necessarily.**
 14 Q. Okay. Would you have read this agreement before
 15 you signed it?
 16 **A. I probably would have had my legal counsel read**
 17 **it.**
 18 Q. Who was your legal counsel at that time?
 19 **A. Well, my deputy -- chief deputy Bill Misterovich.**
 20 Q. Okay.
 21 **A. He would have been in-house, and obviously we had**
 22 **Bodman, I believe, would have been the attorneys**
 23 **outside that we hired.**
 24 Q. Okay. I want to ask you about a few of the
 25 provisions. Let's go to the page that starts off

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1 Settlement Agreement. I think it's actually page
 2 1 of the agreement.
 3 **A. Okay.**
 4 Q. I'm looking at Background and Purpose. A-iii
 5 reads in part "All disputes related to the
 6 interest rate charged to Macomb related to debt
 7 service associated with the cost of repairs of
 8 the 2004 collapse." Do you see that language?
 9 **A. Yes.**
 10 Q. Was there a dispute between Detroit and Macomb in
 11 regard to interest rate related to debt service
 12 associated with the 2004 sewer collapse repairs?
 13 **A. Yes.**
 14 Q. And was that dispute settled by this agreement?
 15 **A. It was a global settlement.**
 16 Q. So it settled everything?
 17 **A. Yes.**
 18 Q. Okay. Then the next paragraph talks about "All
 19 disputes and claims between the parties related
 20 to costs for repairs and renovation of the
 21 interceptor sewers listed in Exhibit 1." Do you
 22 see that language?
 23 **A. Yes.**
 24 Q. Do you know what the interceptor sewers were?
 25 Was that --

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1 **A. I don't understand what you mean, do I know what**
2 **the interceptor sewers are.**

3 Q. I guess my question is: Were the interceptor
4 sewers at least part of that system, the sewers
5 that collapsed -- the 15 Mile and Hayes sewer
6 collapse problems?

7 **A. Was that part of that?**

8 Q. Yes.

9 **A. If it's on Exhibit 1 of Exhibit D, I guess it**
10 **would be.**

11 **MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION:**

12 **DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 2**

13 10:32 a.m.

14 **BY MR. WATSON:**

15 Q. Let me hand to you what's been marked as Marrocco
16 Exhibit 2. Are you familiar with this document
17 at all, Letter of Intent?

18 **A. Not really.**

19 Q. If you go back to Exhibit 1, the Settlement
20 Agreement, and thumb through about half of it,
21 you'll see a page marked Exhibit D.

22 **A. Is there a page number?**

23 Q. 1704 in the top right-hand corner?

24 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** We don't have 1704.

25 **THE WITNESS:** Is this the Letter of

1 Q. Yes. Is the system that collapsed -- I always
2 think of it was 15 Mile and Hayes. Is that part
3 of these?

4 **A. What area were you saying, again?**

5 Q. Well, what I'm thinking about is the interceptor
6 that collapsed in August 2004.

7 **A. Is it listed here?**

8 Q. Yes.

9 **A. No.**

10 Q. And what do you call the one that's listed -- the
11 one that collapsed, what do you refer to that one
12 as?

13 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** The one that's not
14 listed?

15 **BY MR. WATSON:**

16 Q. You say it's not listed.

17 **A. What do we call it?**

18 Q. Yeah.

19 **A. It would be the interceptor -- the Macomb**
20 **interceptor.**

21 Q. Okay. Let's go back to 1 -- Exhibit 1, and I'll
22 ask you -- let's see. Is the Macomb interceptor
23 the one referenced in 1-A-ii?

24 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** What page are you on?

25 **MR. WATSON:** It would be 1685.

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1 Intent that you're referring to?

2 **BY MR. WATSON:**

3 Q. Yes.

4 **A. Okay. There's no marking.**

5 Q. And unfortunately on this document, Exhibit 1,
6 the Letter of Intent -- the Exhibit 1 to the
7 Letter of Intent was not attached. That's why I
8 made Exhibit 2 the Letter of Intent with
9 Exhibit 1 attached to it, which gets a little
10 confusing.

11 **A. You'll have to excuse me. I came in late last**
12 **night from Miami and I had to get here early**
13 **today, so my mind is a little foggy. What page do**
14 **you want me to look at here?**

15 Q. Go to two pages from the end.

16 **A. Of the Letter of Intent?**

17 Q. Yeah.

18 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** You're in Exhibit 2
19 now? Because Exhibit 1 doesn't have this
20 document.

21 **MR. WATSON:** Right.

22 **BY MR. WATSON:**

23 Q. There's a list of interceptors.

24 **A. It says Oakland-Macomb Interceptor System at the**
25 **top, Exhibit 1?**

1 **MR. SHAHID:** On the top.

2 **MR. WATSON:** At the top.

3 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** We have different
4 page IDs. What I'm looking at page 8431, but I
5 can see where you're at.

6 **MR. SHAHID:** Ours says 8431.

7 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** So you're at sub 1-
8 A-ii.

9 **BY MR. WATSON:**

10 Q. 1-A-ii: "All disputes related to the allocation
11 of repair costs related to the August 4, 2004
12 collapse and the Romeo Arm of the Macomb
13 Interceptors," I take it that's the one that
14 collapsed?

15 **A. Well, it's not the Romeo arm.**

16 Q. Wasn't it 15 Mile and Hayes? Isn't that where
17 the collapse occurred?

18 **A. Yes, in that vicinity, but it's not the Romeo arm.**

19 Q. What do you call it?

20 **A. It would just be the Macomb Interceptor. Romeo**
21 **arm extends -- goes up toward Romeo.**

22 Q. Does the Romeo arm include the Macomb
23 Interceptor?

24 **A. It's hard to say. I can't really answer how our**
25 **office designates what area, but it would have to**

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1 go up to Garfield and then up Garfield, and -- but
 2 I guess, you know, this could be considered the
 3 Romeo arm. I don't know. You see -- I mean,
 4 excuse me. One thing real quick. This goes back
 5 to the 70s, how they used to designate these
 6 names, so you know.
 7 Q. Are you aware of any other 2004 collapse other
 8 than the Macomb Interceptor?
 9 A. No.
 10 Q. Let's look at v. It mentions Infrastructure
 11 Management Group, "All disputes related to the
 12 continuing oversight of contracts exceeding
 13 \$500,000 by the Infrastructure Management Group."
 14 Are you familiar with the Infrastructure
 15 Management Group?
 16 A. No.
 17 Q. Can you tell us what that is?
 18 A. No.
 19 Q. Do you know if they looked at claims over
 20 \$500,000 or contracts over \$500,000?
 21 A. No.
 22 Q. Let's turn to page ID 8433 B, which is entitled
 23 2004 Collapse Claims, 2006 Interceptor Repairs,
 24 Interceptor Interest Rate. Do you see that?
 25 A. Yes.

1 A. Yes.
 2 Q. Was the broad parameter of the sale that Macomb
 3 would purchase the system by assuming the system
 4 debt?
 5 A. Yes.
 6 Q. And were you involved in that, say, broad
 7 agreement?
 8 MS. BADALAMENTI: Agreement to do what?
 9 BY MR. WATSON:
 10 Q. Purchase the system for the system debt. Let me
 11 explain what I'm getting at.
 12 A. Yeah.
 13 Q. See, as I understand it, there was some type of
 14 broad agreement in principle between Detroit and
 15 Macomb, all right, that Macomb will purchase the
 16 system by assuming the system debt.
 17 A. Um-hmm.
 18 Q. And that that was a certain amount at that time.
 19 A. Yes.
 20 Q. And I'm wondering who reached that broad
 21 agreement to purchase the system for system debt?
 22 I was thinking it was you.
 23 A. Well, we paid more than that.
 24 Q. Who all was involved in reaching that agreement?
 25 Do you know?

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1 Q. And here the first sentence reads: "The parties,
 2 in complete satisfaction of the 2004 collapse
 3 claims, Macomb's claims with regard to the 2006
 4 repairs to the Macomb Interceptors, and the
 5 Interceptor interest rate claims, agree to
 6 principal and interest rate adjustments on
 7 charges by DWSD to Macomb in the aggregate amount
 8 of \$17,050,000." Do you see that language?
 9 A. Yes.
 10 Q. And what was that \$17,050,000 for? Was that just
 11 an accommodation to reduce the purchase price?
 12 What was your understanding of why that was the
 13 adjustment?
 14 A. That was the global settlement for all the issues
 15 we had with Detroit.
 16 Q. Okay. So what I'm understanding is there were
 17 negotiations going on for Macomb to purchase the
 18 system, and the parties were going back and forth
 19 in regard to the amount of the price?
 20 A. I'm sure there was negotiations going on, yes.
 21 Q. And Detroit agreed to reduce the cost by this 17
 22 million?
 23 A. The global settlement.
 24 Q. Through the global settlement the cost was
 25 reduced by 17 -- over 17 million?

1 A. Well, I probably signed the papers in the end, but
 2 I wasn't in the negotiating room with anybody.
 3 Q. Would they have had to run it by you, whoever was
 4 on your team?
 5 A. Yes.
 6 Q. And you're thinking the attorneys, Misterovich
 7 and the attorney for Bodman would have been at
 8 least two of the folks?
 9 A. Yes.
 10 Q. Do you recall that the system debt at one point
 11 was something like, according to Detroit,
 12 \$116 million?
 13 A. Say that again.
 14 Q. Do you recall that the system debt at one point,
 15 according to Detroit, was something like
 16 \$116 million?
 17 A. I do not.
 18 Q. Do you recall what the system eventually was
 19 purchased for?
 20 A. I believe it was just under \$90 million.
 21 Q. And that 90 million was after the 17 million was
 22 deducted that we're looking at here?
 23 A. That was a credit given.
 24 Q. And were there other credits given?
 25 A. I'm not sure.

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1 Q. Let's go to page 8436. I'm looking at paragraph
 2 ii. And it talks about if the parties don't
 3 reach agreement within a certain time, either
 4 party could declare provisions of this agreement
 5 void and without effect. Do you see that
 6 language?
 7 **A. Yes.**
 8 Q. Are you aware of any provisions of this agreement
 9 ever being declared void or no effect?
 10 **A. I'm not aware of that.**
 11 Q. Look at paragraph B, which reads in part "This
 12 agreement, and the exhibits, contains the entire
 13 agreement between the parties with regard to the
 14 matters addressed in this agreement." Do you see
 15 that language?
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 Q. Was that your understanding, that this was a full
 18 agreement, a comprehensive settlement between
 19 Detroit, Macomb and other parties?
 20 **A. That's what my attorney said.**
 21 Q. Resolved all disputes?
 22 **A. At that point.**
 23 Q. Let's go to the next page. I see a signature.
 24 It appears to be Pamela Turner. Are you familiar
 25 or do you know Pamela Turner?

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1 **A. At that time I did.**
 2 Q. And at the date this agreement was made, May 12,
 3 2009, was she the interim director of DWSD?
 4 **A. She signed it as being the interim director.**
 5 Q. So you assume she was?
 6 **A. Yes.**
 7 Q. Let's skip one page and go to -- it looks like
 8 the third page 7, 8439. It appears to be a
 9 signature of John McCulloch. Are you familiar
 10 with him?
 11 **A. Yes.**
 12 Q. And he was the commissioner for -- Water
 13 Resources Commissioner for Oakland County?
 14 **A. Yes.**
 15 Q. And going to the next page 7, there appears to be
 16 a signature -- I can't read it. It says
 17 "Assistant County Executive, County of Wayne."
 18 Do you know who that would be?
 19 **A. Not really.**
 20 Q. Thumbing through the agreement, and looking at
 21 one of the attachments -- it's page 8446, Exhibit
 22 C to the agreement, in fact, page 8447. At the
 23 top of the page it says "Exhibit C, List of
 24 Matters." Page 8447, Exhibit C lists matters
 25 resolved?

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1 **A. Um-hmm.**
 2 Q. And going to the next page, there's a 6,
 3 Interceptor Interest Rate. Were there interest
 4 rate disputes pending prior to this settlement
 5 agreement?
 6 **A. I believe so.**
 7 Q. Were all those interest rate disputes resolved?
 8 **A. I don't know if all were resolved, but the ones**
 9 **that are shown here obviously were resolved.**
 10 Q. And then going to Exhibit D, the Letter of
 11 Intent --
 12 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** What page?
 13 **MR. WATSON:** 8451.
 14 **BY MR. WATSON:**
 15 Q. I'm looking at the top of the page -- well, the
 16 next page, 8452, paragraph 3, which reads in part
 17 "The consideration...for the acquisition of the
 18 property would be an amount equal to the
 19 outstanding debt (including accrued interest)
 20 owed by the city that is allocated to the
 21 property," and then it also mentions adjusted by
 22 the amount of 17,050,000 and such other
 23 adjustments agreed upon by the parties. Do you
 24 see that language?
 25 **A. Yes.**

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1 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** I don't think that's
 2 a complete quote of the language, but go ahead.
 3 **BY MR. WATSON:**
 4 Q. No, it's not a total quote. I'm trying to save a
 5 little time.
 6 To your understanding, was that summary
 7 of the expected deal accurate?
 8 **A. A credit?**
 9 Q. Well, the expected deal was Macomb would assume
 10 the debt.
 11 **A. Yes.**
 12 Q. The amount would be reduced by over 17 million
 13 plus any further amounts that the parties could
 14 agree upon.
 15 **A. On top of the 17 million.**
 16 Q. Right.
 17 **A. Yes.**
 18 Q. Okay. Now, this agreement was made, according to
 19 the language on the first page, May 12, 2009.
 20 And we'll get into the acquisition agreement, but
 21 that was signed in 2010, wasn't it?
 22 **A. What was signed in 2010?**
 23 Q. The acquisition agreement, the actual sale.
 24 **A. Yes, before the indictment and the revelation that**
 25 **there was some hanky-panky going on with the sewer**

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1 collapse.
2 Q. So this happened before any of that?
3 A. **Right, before they revealed to us what was going**
4 **on.**
5 Q. What was taking place between this May 2009 and
6 -- I think the acquisition agreement was
7 September 2010. What was going on during that
8 period?
9 A. **September 2010 to --**
10 Q. From when this agreement was signed, May 2009 to
11 September 2010, when the acquisition agreement
12 was signed.
13 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** I'm going to object
14 to this. The Letter of Intent that's here does
15 not appear to be signed, but subject to that
16 objection, you can go ahead and answer.
17 **BY MR. WATSON:**
18 Q. Do you know what was going on?
19 A. **No, I don't know.**
20 Q. Were there negotiations occurring?
21 A. **I have no idea.**
22 Q. Who was -- you said the attorney for Bodman and
23 Misterovich were the principal negotiators for
24 Macomb?
25 A. **Yes.**

1 Q. So wouldn't Mercado have been gone before May 12,
2 2009?
3 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** Been gone from what,
4 his position or the negotiations?
5 **MR. WATSON:** Both.
6 **THE WITNESS:** I'm not sure.
7 **BY MR. WATSON:**
8 Q. Okay. So you're not certain when Mercado left?
9 A. **Right.**
10 Q. You say through the years you talked to him.
11 What was the discussion about?
12 A. **About basically on the sewer collapse, about the**
13 **charges.**
14 Q. What did he say about the charges? What did you
15 say about the charges?
16 A. **He said everything was fair and accurate, and I**
17 **didn't think they were. Who was I to question?**
18 Q. By everything was fair and accurate, what did you
19 take that to mean?
20 A. **That Detroit was looking out for the interests of**
21 **Macomb County, that we weren't being overcharged.**
22 Q. For the system?
23 A. **For the repair.**
24 Q. How did the repair pertain to the purchase price?
25 A. **It was just one global settlement, you know. I**

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1 Q. Paragraph 5 on that same page, Access and
2 Investigation, it talks about Detroit should
3 afford basically the other parties to this
4 agreement the opportunity to secure documents or
5 look at anything they wanted to. Was that your
6 understanding, that prior to actually signing the
7 agreement, Macomb had the right to get documents
8 from Detroit, to inspect things if it wanted to?
9 A. **That's what that paragraph says.**
10 Q. And in reality, is that what the situation was,
11 that you would have -- Macomb could have secured
12 any documents it wanted or inspected the system
13 if it wanted?
14 A. **The paragraph says we could.**
15 Q. Did Macomb do that?
16 A. **I cannot answer that, but I did talk to Victor**
17 **Mercado. He said everything is proper.**
18 Q. When did you talk to Mr. Mercado?
19 A. **Over the years, since he was the director.**
20 Q. Do you know when he left?
21 A. **Well, I believe he left when the indictments came**
22 **down, basically. 2000 -- end of 2010.**
23 Q. Well, wasn't Pam Turner the interim director when
24 this deal was signed?
25 A. **Yes.**

1 **can't tell you how exactly the 17 million**
2 **pertained to.**
3 Q. Do you know why Detroit reduced the amount 17
4 million?
5 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** Other than what's
6 stated in the agreement?
7 **MR. WATSON:** Yeah.
8 **THE WITNESS:** No. I mean --
9 **BY MR. WATSON:**
10 Q. Did you and Mercado talk about Detroit reducing
11 the amount?
12 A. **Oh, yes.**
13 Q. What did -- you wanted, I take it, further
14 reduction?
15 A. **Yes.**
16 Q. And I would take it Mercado didn't want to
17 reduce?
18 A. **I talked to Mercado about reducing the cost of the**
19 **sewer collapse repair bill. The global settlement**
20 **took in a lot of other issues, and that 17 million**
21 **doesn't specify how much money goes to which of**
22 **those issues.**
23 Q. Who negotiated the 17 million? Do you know?
24 A. **On behalf of which party?**
25 Q. Well, Macomb.

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1 **A. It would have been, you know, Mr. Misterovich and**
 2 **Mr. -- or a representative from Bodman.**
 3 Q. Was Hupp the main Bodman attorney? Do you know?
 4 **A. Yes.**
 5 Q. And who was negotiating for Detroit?
 6 **A. I don't know.**
 7 Q. And you weren't the main negotiator for Macomb?
 8 **A. I didn't sit in on negotiations.**
 9 Q. Do you know if Mercado sat in on negotiations?
 10 **A. I'm not sure.**
 11 Q. Now, how many discussions over the years do you
 12 think you had with Mercado about the cost of the
 13 repairs?
 14 **A. I don't know.**
 15 Q. And when he -- you say he told you the costs were
 16 fair and accurate?
 17 **A. That's what he said.**
 18 Q. And by cost, we're talking about millions of
 19 dollars, I take it?
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 Q. Were the statements by Mercado ever reduced to
 22 writing at all?
 23 **A. I'm not aware.**
 24 Q. Okay. Did you ever think that, gee, maybe I
 25 better get this in writing?

1 **MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION:**
 2 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 3
 3 11:00 a.m.
 4 **BY MR. WATSON:**
 5 Q. Let me hand you what's been marked Exhibit No. 3,
 6 Mr. Marrocco. My question is: Have you seen the
 7 document attached to this fax before?
 8 **A. Have I seen this before?**
 9 Q. Yes.
 10 **A. I don't remember, but I see it now.**
 11 Q. Okay. Does that appear to be your signature on
 12 the document?
 13 **A. Yes, it does.**
 14 Q. And the fax, the first page, seems to be dated
 15 11/17/04.
 16 **A. Um-hmm.**
 17 Q. And it faxes to Victor Mercado a two-page letter
 18 from you dated November 16, 2004; is that
 19 correct?
 20 **A. Yes.**
 21 Q. And through the letter you request 15 categories
 22 of documents relating to the 15 Mile Road
 23 interceptor, correct?
 24 **A. Yes.**
 25 Q. Do you know if these documents were furnished?

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1 **A. I thought he was a man of his word.**
 2 Q. And did he tell you this, what you're saying, on
 3 more than one occasion?
 4 **A. What was that?**
 5 Q. Did he tell you this on more than one occasion?
 6 **A. Tell me what?**
 7 Q. That the costs were fair and accurate.
 8 **A. Yes, he did.**
 9 Q. And was anyone ever there when he told you that
 10 or was it just the two of you?
 11 **A. Maybe Mr. Misterovich might have been there.**
 12 Q. Do you know where that particular discussion took
 13 place?
 14 **A. No. There's many places we've talked with**
 15 **Mr. Mercado, so I wouldn't remember which.**
 16 Q. Do you know approximately when that discussion
 17 when Misterovich was there took place?
 18 **A. Before 2010.**
 19 Q. Was it before this settlement agreement? Do you
 20 know?
 21 **A. Yeah. Yes.**
 22 Q. You weren't shy about asking Detroit for
 23 documents or information if you felt you needed
 24 it, were you?
 25 **A. That's up to my attorneys.**

1 Did you receive the documents?
 2 **A. I have no idea.**
 3 Q. Over the years is it accurate to say that when
 4 Macomb requested documents from Detroit, Detroit
 5 would generally get Macomb the documents?
 6 **A. I have no idea.**
 7 Q. You had a relationship with Mr. Mercado, did you
 8 not, that if anyone who reported to you said we
 9 need certain information from Detroit, we're
 10 having a rough time getting it, you could pick up
 11 the phone and call Mercado directly --
 12 **A. Yes.**
 13 Q. -- for the information?
 14 **A. Yes.**
 15 Q. Was he generally accommodating to you, if you
 16 asked him for something?
 17 **A. I'm sure he was.**
 18 Q. Do you recall anything you asked for in
 19 connection with the settlement agreement or the
 20 acquisition agreement? Any information you
 21 wanted prior to entering into those agreements
 22 that wasn't supplied by Detroit?
 23 **A. You have to ask my attorneys that, if they got the**
 24 **information they needed.**
 25 Q. You can't recall anything --

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1 A. No.
 2 Q. -- you asked for that wasn't supplied?
 3 A. No.
 4 Q. I want to go back to the settlement agreement,
 5 the Letter of Intent, which starts at page 8451.
 6 And go to page 8453.
 7 A. Okay.
 8 Q. Paragraph 6, Conditions reads in part, "The
 9 parties' obligations to consummate the
 10 transaction would be subject to the satisfaction
 11 of each of the following conditions at or prior
 12 to closing, any of which may be waived in whole
 13 or in part by the parties to the extent permitted
 14 by applicable law." Is that what it says?
 15 A. Yes.
 16 Q. And then looking at the next page -- I'm looking
 17 at iv. One of the conditions appears to be -- it
 18 reads "The satisfactory completion in the
 19 transferee's sole discretion of the transferee's
 20 due diligence investigations of the property,
 21 including, without limitation, with respect to
 22 all operational, financial, environmental
 23 engineering, legal and accounting matters." Do
 24 you see that language?
 25 A. Which item number would that be?

1 A. That the sewer collapse cost \$55 million to
 2 repair.
 3 Q. And you don't think it cost that much?
 4 A. That's correct.
 5 Q. What do you base that on, your conclusion it
 6 didn't cost that much?
 7 A. I had an engineer give me an estimate what they
 8 thought it would cost to do that job.
 9 Q. Who was the engineer?
 10 A. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick.
 11 Q. What did they think it would cost to do the job?
 12 A. They said approximately \$28 million.
 13 Q. And did they speak to anyone at Detroit before
 14 arriving at their estimate?
 15 A. I can't answer that. I don't know.
 16 Q. Do you know whether or not they were aware that
 17 various unforeseen difficulties were encountered
 18 in repairing the system?
 19 A. Well, they were not aware that someone was getting
 20 paid for doing no work.
 21 Q. Well, we could get into that, but let's --
 22 A. That was brought out in federal court, and it's a
 23 fact.
 24 Q. Were they aware that unforeseen difficulties were
 25 encountered in effecting the repairs? Do you

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1 Q. That was iv.
 2 A. Yes, I see it.
 3 Q. Was it your understanding that Macomb, prior to
 4 signing the deal, was entitled to satisfy itself
 5 that all operational, financial, environmental,
 6 engineering, legal and accounting matters were in
 7 order -- were in accord with what it wanted in
 8 regard to the deal?
 9 A. So your question --
 10 Q. Let me rephrase it. Could you satisfy yourself
 11 with regard to all these matters, get all the
 12 information you wanted? You were entitled to
 13 satisfy yourself in regard to all this before you
 14 signed the deal, weren't you?
 15 A. Yes, we were entitled to it.
 16 Q. And you didn't -- if you had any questions about
 17 any of these things, you didn't have to sign the
 18 deal?
 19 A. Well, had we known the information on the 15 Mile
 20 Road sewer collapse was inaccurate and was faulty,
 21 we probably would have raised an objection, but we
 22 take it that what they gave to us was true and
 23 accurate and fair.
 24 Q. What information did they give to you wasn't true
 25 and accurate and fair?

1 know?
 2 A. No, they didn't -- they just -- as an engineer,
 3 they did an estimate of what it would cost to do
 4 the job --
 5 Q. And --
 6 A. -- if it was competitively bid out.
 7 Q. And you said that people were paid for not doing
 8 work?
 9 A. Well, that's what they said in federal court.
 10 Q. Was that in regard to the interceptor collapse
 11 repairs or was that in regard to other contracts?
 12 A. The interceptor collapse repair.
 13 Q. And the interceptor collapse repairs were part of
 14 contract, I believe, CS-1368. Are you aware of
 15 that?
 16 A. I have no idea the numbers.
 17 Q. Do you have any other reason to believe that
 18 folks were paid or contractors were paid for work
 19 that wasn't done other than the federal court
 20 information?
 21 A. I think that's pretty strong evidence.
 22 Q. So the answer to my question is, yes, that's all
 23 the information you got on this?
 24 A. No, I have my engineer's estimate.
 25 Q. So you have two things, engineer's estimate and

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1 the federal court?

2 **A. Yes.**

3 Q. Anything else?

4 **A. You know, I could say, just using my own**

5 **reasoning, but I'm not going to say that. There**

6 **was an engineer that was qualified who's done many**

7 **projects, and they understand the cost.**

8 Q. When did you retain this engineer?

9 **A. I approached them right -- basically after the**

10 **indictment came out, so that had to be in the**

11 **beginning of '11, maybe -- 2011.**

12 Q. What did you ask them to do?

13 **A. I just asked him -- I got a copy of the work that**

14 **had been done and I asked him what his estimate to**

15 **do this job would cost.**

16 Q. Where did you find this engineer?

17 **A. He's an engineer that this office has used before.**

18 Q. How many times have you used them?

19 **A. Too numerous. I can't even give you a number.**

20 Q. Is he local to Macomb County or local to

21 Michigan? Where is he located?

22 **A. Local to Michigan. He used to be down in Florida**

23 **also.**

24 Q. How do you know the guy?

25 **A. Just through his professional credentials and he's**

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1 **done work here. He's represented private business**

2 **people who have submitted prints and drawings here**

3 **for approval.**

4 Q. Did you have any dealings with him prior to your

5 employment with Macomb County?

6 **A. Yes.**

7 Q. And what dealings were those?

8 **A. We hired that company -- my father did, back in,**

9 **I'm going to say, late -- early or mid-70s.**

10 Q. To do what?

11 **A. To do engineering for a subdivision. But let me**

12 **just expound. That was before -- that was when**

13 **Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick were principals at**

14 **the company. At this point in 2011, they were all**

15 **gone and the people who own the company are not**

16 **the same principals.**

17 Q. Who's the key guy you use now?

18 **A. I think Roy Rose is their president.**

19 Q. Do you know what information this person utilized

20 in arriving at his opinion?

21 **A. I think just his credentials and experience, being**

22 **a professional engineer.**

23 Q. Did Macomb supply him with any information?

24 **A. I might have just gave him maybe some information**

25 **that Detroit gave me possibly, how much sewer was**

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1 **being replaced and --**

2 Q. So the information you gave him were documents

3 from Detroit?

4 **A. I believe so. I'm not quite sure anymore.**

5 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** Is this a good time

6 to take a break?

7 **MR. WATSON:** Yeah, it is.

8 (Off the record at 11:14 a.m.)

9 (Back on the record at 11:26 a.m.)

10 **MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION:**

11 **DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 4**

12 11:26 a.m.

13 **BY MR. WATSON:**

14 Q. Mr. Marrocco, you've been handed what's been

15 marked Exhibit 4, which is the debtor's witness

16 list for the July 17, 2014 hearing. I give you

17 that because in our witness list we listed as No.

18 5 and No. 6 30(b)(6) corporate representatives, 5

19 to testify on various counts of the complaint,

20 and 6 to testify in regard to the acquisition

21 agreement. And this question is probably for

22 your counsel and you. Are you being designated

23 as the 30(b)(6) representative for either of

24 those two areas?

25 **A. I have no idea.**

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1 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** Good answer.

2 **MR. WATSON:** Is there going to be a

3 30(b)(6) rep, though? If it's he, I need to know

4 that now so I can --

5 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** We've had those

6 discussions with you. We've designated our

7 30(b)(6) representative. I think we told you for

8 6 it would be Greg Hupp and for 5 it would be

9 either Greg Hupp or Mr. Misterovich. I think for

10 5 it was Mr. Misterovich. And you know

11 Mr. Misterovich had a very serious surgery about a

12 week ago. And we have tried our best to get you

13 information from him. He did come in after hours

14 despite his condition to get you documents you

15 requested, and he has been made available for

16 deposition on Monday, the 14th, despite his

17 doctor's recommendations that he doesn't do so.

18 We've more than accommodated this request.

19 **BY MR. WATSON:**

20 Q. Mr. Marrocco, we spent some time before the break

21 discussing your conversations with Mr. Mercado in

22 which he said everything was fair and accurate.

23 I want to make sure that we've gotten your full

24 recollection as to when the conversations took

25 place, what was discussed in regard to this "fair

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1 and accurate" statement, if anything else was
2 discussed in regard to that, who might have been
3 present, where it took place, when. Anything
4 else that you recall in regard to these Mercado
5 conversations?
6 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** That's about six
7 questions in one. Why don't you ask him if he
8 recalls any more information about the
9 conversations with respect to one of those
10 parameters so that he can actually answer you.
11 **BY MR. WATSON:**
12 Q. Well, I can go through each one. Do you recall
13 anything else about the conversations with
14 Mercado in regard to when they took place other
15 than what you've said?
16 **A. Well, if you're talking about the sewer**
17 **collapse --**
18 Q. The sewer collapse and you said Mr. Mercado said
19 the repair --
20 **A. That's what I mean. You're talking about the**
21 **sewer collapse? Because I had talked to**
22 **Mr. Mercado before the sewer collapse ever**
23 **happened. Because he became director -- I don't**
24 **even know what year it was.**
25 Q. I'm specifically talking about your testimony

1 Q. Anything else you recall from that conversation?
2 **A. You know, to be real specific, no, but in general,**
3 **just the fact that I thought the job was taking a**
4 **little bit long to get completed, and I thought it**
5 **was at too high a cost, and I expected that the**
6 **road would be paved, and he said, no, it's -- the**
7 **road won't be paved until next spring. Well, why**
8 **not? Well, you now, dah, dah, dah. To them it**
9 **kind of benefitted them that they dragged the job**
10 **on. It's time and material -- time and material,**
11 **you know. If it was competitively bid out, the**
12 **contractor would want to get done as soon as**
13 **possible to make more money. These guys, the**
14 **longer they're there, the more they're going to**
15 **make.**
16 Q. Do you know how long the job took?
17 **A. Gee, I don't remember anymore. From the time the**
18 **sewer collapse happened, oh, probably close to two**
19 **years, I guess.**
20 Q. For the August 2004 conversation -- I didn't ask
21 you -- was anybody else there or was it just you
22 and Mr. Mercado?
23 **A. When is this?**
24 Q. When -- the August 2004 collapse -- well, no, you
25 said the collapse occurred in August 2004.

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1 regarding Mercado's statement pertaining to the
2 sewer collapse repairs in which you say Mercado
3 said the repair costs were fair and accurate.
4 **A. That's correct.**
5 Q. So can you recall anything else about when those
6 conversations took place?
7 **A. Well, let's see now. August 2004, about**
8 **mid-August -- end of August is when the collapse,**
9 **I believe, occurred, and I'm going to say probably**
10 **six weeks after that maybe I was questioning, you**
11 **know, why so much equipment was on the job site,**
12 **and then, again, in the spring of 2005.**
13 Q. Where did the August 2004 conversation take
14 place?
15 **A. I'm not sure on that, where it was, but I remember**
16 **2005 very accurately. We were all on the street**
17 **where the collapse was, and I told him, you've got**
18 **all this equipment here and --**
19 Q. In spring 2005?
20 **A. Yeah. And I said, I don't want these contractors**
21 **charging for this equipment that's parked here.**
22 Q. And what did he say?
23 **A. He said, no, no, they're not going to. They're**
24 **not. They don't use it, they're not going to get**
25 **paid.**

1 Probably about six weeks after that you had a
2 conversation with Mercado and pointed out you've
3 got all this equipment on the job. Is all that
4 necessary? And he told you it was?
5 **A. Yes.**
6 Q. Was anyone else there for that conversation?
7 **A. Might have been people around, but I don't**
8 **remember who they were.**
9 Q. Did you discuss anything else in that
10 conversation?
11 **A. No, I think that's all Macomb County cared about,**
12 **that they get the sewer working and it's done at a**
13 **reasonably fair price.**
14 Q. How long did you think the job should have taken?
15 **A. I would say that that job should have been done**
16 **within a year at most.**
17 Q. Wasn't it completed within a year?
18 **A. No, it wasn't. We were getting bills in '06.**
19 **That's two years out.**
20 Q. Weren't there amendments to the contract that
21 didn't have anything to do with the sewer repair,
22 thought?
23 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** I'm going to object
24 to foundation.
25 **BY MR. WATSON:**

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1 Q. If you know.
 2 **A. I don't know.**
 3 Q. Any other conversations with Mercado in which he
 4 made representations that the repair costs were
 5 fair and accurate or something to that effect?
 6 **A. I'm sure there were along the way.**
 7 Q. Can you recall the nature of those?
 8 **A. It's a long time ago. I have a lot of other**
 9 **things that this office does that I can't remember**
 10 **just that incident.**
 11 Q. Did you have such conversations with anyone else
 12 at DWSD?
 13 **A. Give me a time frame.**
 14 Q. Well, any time after the collapse. From the time
 15 of the collapse to, I guess, up to the time you
 16 purchased.
 17 **A. Anybody else from DWSD? I think Pam Turner was in**
 18 **charge at that time, so --**
 19 Q. You didn't have any discussions about this with
 20 her?
 21 **A. No.**
 22 Q. What about with Latimer -- Darryl Latimer? Ever
 23 talk to that guy?
 24 **A. No.**
 25 Q. Do you recall that there was a major sewer

1 **A. I would say he did.**
 2 Q. Going to the first page, it indicates the
 3 acquisition agreement is made the 2nd day of
 4 September 2010.
 5 **A. Um-hmm. Yes.**
 6 Q. Do you recall that being the approximate period
 7 when the sale of the Macomb Interceptor system
 8 from Detroit to Macomb was effected?
 9 **A. As to the other document we were looking at**
 10 **before?**
 11 Q. Well, no, just -- was the sale completed on or
 12 about September 2nd, 2010, if you recall?
 13 **A. Just what this document says. And my chief deputy**
 14 **signed this. I guess that's what it is. I can't**
 15 **say other than that.**
 16 Q. All right. Looking at the second page, it has a
 17 paragraph 1.5, "Macomb's County's Knowledge"
 18 shall mean the actual knowledge of the Macomb
 19 County Public Works Commissioner." That was you
 20 at the time, right?
 21 **A. Yes.**
 22 Q. And legal counsel, and you told me about
 23 Misterovich and Bodman --
 24 **A. Yes.**
 25 Q. -- attorneys being legal counsel. It says "legal

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1 collapse way back in 1977?
 2 **A. Yes.**
 3 Q. In the same area?
 4 **A. Yes.**
 5 Q. Do you know how long that took to repair?
 6 **A. No.**
 7 **MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION:**
 8 **DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 5**
 9 **11:35 a.m.**
 10 **BY MR. WATSON:**
 11 Q. Mr. Marrocco, I'll hand you what's been marked as
 12 Exhibit 5. And at the top it's entitled
 13 Acquisition Agreement; is that correct?
 14 **A. Yes.**
 15 Q. Are you familiar with this document?
 16 **A. Not really.**
 17 Q. Will you go to the last page. At the bottom it's
 18 25 of 25.
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 Q. It appears to be signed by Darryl Latimer and
 21 William Misterovich. Do you see that?
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 Q. And Misterovich is your chief deputy?
 24 **A. Yes.**
 25 Q. Did he have authority to sign this document?

1 counsel assigned." That would probably be
 2 Misterovich. "Or retained," that would be Bodman
 3 folks, right?
 4 **A. Okay.**
 5 Q. Then I'm looking at paragraph 1.10. It says
 6 "'Detroit's knowledge' shall mean the knowledge
 7 of its director." Do you know who the director
 8 was September 2nd, 2010?
 9 **A. I think you said it was Pam Turner at that time?**
 10 Q. 2009 it was Turner. I'm thinking 2010 she had
 11 gone and Latimer was serving as interim, but --
 12 **A. I had never heard of Darryl Latimer ever being the**
 13 **director.**
 14 Q. Okay.
 15 **A. So I think it had to be Pam Turner.**
 16 Q. Okay. All right. So your understanding is that
 17 would be Turner. "...its assistant corporate
 18 counsel assigned to DWSD matters," do you know
 19 who that was?
 20 **A. I have no idea.**
 21 Q. "...its assistant chief of engineering," do you
 22 know who that was?
 23 **A. I have no idea.**
 24 Q. Do you know Shukla -- Ramesh Shukla?
 25 **A. Yeah, I know who Shukla is.**

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1 Q. Have you had dealings with him over the years?
 2 Brief dealings, maybe?
 3 **A. Minor dealings.**
 4 Q. Any problem with Shukla at all?
 5 **A. No, a very nice man.**
 6 Q. You haven't seen or heard anything that leads to
 7 you believe he was dishonest or would commit
 8 fraudulent acts or anything like that, have you?
 9 **A. No, I don't know him well enough.**
 10 Q. Okay. Then 1.13 says "'Global Settlement
 11 Agreement' means the settlement agreement between
 12 Detroit and Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties
 13 executed by the parties to that agreement" -- I'm
 14 skipping some language -- "May 12, 2009." That's
 15 the agreement we just covered, isn't it, the one
 16 entitled Settlement Agreement?
 17 **A. I believe so.**
 18 Q. Okay. Turning to page 6 of 25, I'm looking at
 19 2.5. It says "Macomb System." Did you read this
 20 document, by the way? Have you ever really --
 21 **A. This document?**
 22 Q. Have you ever read this thing?
 23 **A. No. Mr. Misterovich signed it.**
 24 Q. Did you authorize him to sign it or did he say it
 25 seems okay and -- or the attorney said it's okay?

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1 **A. I would have no idea. It's a long time ago.**
 2 Q. All right. All right. Was it your understanding
 3 that the system was sold as is?
 4 **A. Yes.**
 5 Q. Okay. I'm turning to page 11 of 25. It talks
 6 about litigation. Were you aware of any
 7 litigation impacting the system?
 8 **A. Which one? Which number?**
 9 Q. 3.7.
 10 **A. Okay. Was I aware of what?**
 11 Q. Any litigation that could impact the system.
 12 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** It's an ambiguous
 13 term. What is the term "litigation" being defined
 14 as here? It calls for a legal conclusion, unless
 15 you want to specify.
 16 **BY MR. WATSON:**
 17 Q. Are you aware of any major litigation or any
 18 litigation Detroit was involved in regarding the
 19 Macomb Interceptor system?
 20 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** Same objections.
 21 It's unclear whether this paragraph includes
 22 criminal, civil, claims not brought. It's
 23 unclear.
 24 **THE WITNESS:** You're talking at that
 25 time, right, September of 2010?

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1 **BY MR. WATSON:**
 2 Q. Yeah. Do you know of any suits, whether criminal
 3 or civil, involving that system?
 4 **A. I have no idea what Detroit does.**
 5 Q. Then 3.8 is "Disclosure of System Debt. Do you
 6 see that?"
 7 **A. Um-hmm.**
 8 Q. And then it starts off "Schedule 3.8 sets forth
 9 all system debt." Do you see that language?
 10 **A. Just a second. Which part of that 3.8 were you**
 11 **referring to?**
 12 Q. Under paragraph 3.8 it says "Disclosure of System
 13 Debt. Schedule 3.8 sets forth all system debt."
 14 And my question is: Do you see that language?
 15 **A. Yes, I see that.**
 16 **MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION:**
 17 DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 6
 18 11:43 a.m.
 19 **BY MR. WATSON:**
 20 Q. Okay. Let me hand you what's been marked as
 21 Marrocco Exhibit 6. And I'll ask, are you
 22 familiar with that document? Have you seen that
 23 before?
 24 **A. Yes, I've seen this.**
 25 Q. Is that the schedule, as far as you know, that

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1 delineates the various debt on the system?
 2 **A. That's what it says at the top of the page, system**
 3 **debt.**
 4 Q. Okay. And I'm looking at, under A, Projects
 5 Covered By Global Settlement. Do you see that?
 6 **A. On this page you gave me?**
 7 Q. Yes.
 8 **A. Under A?**
 9 Q. Right. A. Projects Covered By Global
 10 Settlement.
 11 **A. Projects Covered By Global Settlement, okay.**
 12 Q. One of the projects is CS-1368 2004 repairs,
 13 correct?
 14 **A. Yes.**
 15 Q. And the number attributed to that is the 54
 16 million plus number, right?
 17 **A. Yes. Um-hmm.**
 18 Q. And that's where the dispute is primarily?
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 Q. Okay. But there are a number of other projects
 21 listed, correct?
 22 **A. Yes.**
 23 Q. And you're not disputing these other ones, are
 24 you?
 25 **A. Not the lawsuit that we filed against Detroit.**

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1 Q. Are you aware of any claims in regard to any
2 other claims against Detroit on any of these
3 other matters?
4 **A. I'm not sure.**
5 Q. Okay. And then I'm looking down three-fourths of
6 the way down where it says "Global Settlement."
7 We see that 17,050,000?
8 **A. Yes. Um-hmm.**
9 Q. That was a reduction on the price, right?
10 **A. On the global settlement.**
11 Q. Right.
12 **A. On everything.**
13 Q. Okay.
14 **A. But it doesn't specify how much of the 17 million**
15 **is applied to one particular project or the other.**
16 Q. Correct. Right. But the amount was reduced by
17 17 million?
18 **A. Yes, according to this.**
19 Q. And there are various other items, additions,
20 subtractions, so forth, correct?
21 **A. Correct.**
22 Q. Now, you indicated you weren't the principal
23 negotiator of all this stuff?
24 **A. Correct.**
25 Q. You had folks doing it for you, and Detroit had a

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1 team doing it for it, correct?
2 **A. Yes. Um-hmm.**
3 Q. And this was going back and forth for -- was it
4 years that it took before you could reach this?
5 **A. Yeah, I'm sure it did.**
6 Q. Why do you think it took so long?
7 **A. Because there's more than one person in a room --**
8 **many minds, many people. The mayor never was at**
9 **any of them, either, and he just sent his minions**
10 **there to negotiate.**
11 Q. You had sophisticated counsel on each side?
12 **A. Yes.**
13 Q. And at least one high-ranking official on each
14 side?
15 **A. I can't speak for the other side.**
16 Q. Okay. But Misterovich is a pretty high-ranking
17 official?
18 **A. On my side.**
19 Q. He's right under you, right?
20 **A. That's correct.**
21 Q. And you're the top guy in this public works area
22 in Macomb County?
23 **A. I am.**
24 Q. We were going through the acquisition agreement.
25 Let's go to page 17 of 25.

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1 **A. Okay.**
2 Q. Paragraph 8.9 "Resolution of all Certain
3 Disputes," that's odd language, but that's what
4 it says, correct?
5 **A. Yes.**
6 Q. It says "Macomb County and Detroit shall have
7 executed an agreement acknowledging that all
8 pending disputes between such parties with
9 respect to rates and all other matters have been
10 resolved." Do you see that?
11 **A. Yes.**
12 Q. Do you know if in conjunction with this
13 acquisition agreement such additional agreement
14 was executed?
15 **A. At the time this was?**
16 Q. Yeah.
17 **A. I have no idea if there was another agreement.**
18 **MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION:**
19 **DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 7**
20 11:48 a.m.
21 **BY MR. WATSON:**
22 Q. Let me hand you, Mr. Marrocco, what's been
23 labeled Exhibit No. 7 --
24 **A. Um-hmm.**
25 Q. -- which says at the top "Macomb Interceptor

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1 Acquisition Settlement and Release of Certain
2 Rate Disputes," correct?
3 **A. Yes.**
4 Q. And then on the last page there appears to be the
5 signature of Misterovich and Latimer again?
6 **A. There appears to be.**
7 Q. And they're the same two guys who signed the
8 acquisition agreement, correct?
9 **A. Yes, they are.**
10 Q. And then the first paragraph of the document
11 references a date, September 2nd, 2010, does it
12 not?
13 **A. Yes.**
14 Q. And that's the date of the acquisition agreement,
15 isn't it?
16 **A. Yes.**
17 Q. Okay. I'm looking at -- well, first, let me ask
18 this: Have you seen this before?
19 **A. I don't -- I don't think I have.**
20 Q. Looking at paragraph 1 on the first page --
21 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** Let's give him a
22 chance to review the beginning before you get to
23 paragraph 1. He's just told you he hasn't seen
24 it.
25 **BY MR. WATSON:**

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1 Q. Take whatever time you need.
 2 **A. Okay. I've looked at it. I just read the**
 3 **beginning page.**
 4 Q. Are you ready?
 5 **A. I'm ready.**
 6 Q. Okay. Page 1 of 7, where it says "1. Waiver and
 7 Release of Claims" reads "Detroit and Macomb
 8 County waive and release any claims with regard
 9 to the following matters," and then it says "a.
 10 The cost of all projects and contracts shown on
 11 Schedule 3.8 of the MID agreement and the
 12 calculation of all credits, charges and
 13 adjustments set forth in that schedule." Do you
 14 see that language?
 15 **A. Um-hmm. Yes.**
 16 Q. Was that your understanding of the agreement
 17 between Macomb and Detroit, that all these claims
 18 would be released?
 19 **A. I didn't sign this agreement.**
 20 Q. So you don't know?
 21 **A. Well, I can't speak on behalf of Mr. Misterovich.**
 22 **I don't know when this -- when was this thing**
 23 **signed, anyways? I don't see a date.**
 24 Q. Looking at page 3 of 7, it talks about waiving
 25 and releasing.

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1 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** Where are you?
 2 **MR. WATSON:** Paragraph F.
 3 **BY MR. WATSON:**
 4 Q. Let me just read the pertinent part: "Except as
 5 provided in Section below and rights arising
 6 under this agreement, Macomb County waives and
 7 releases its claims against Detroit and Detroit
 8 waives and releases its claims against Macomb
 9 County with regard to all other known or unknown
 10 claims or disputes with regard to rates charged
 11 to the MCWDD as a separate user class for all
 12 rate years up to and including the FY20009/10."
 13 Do you see that language?
 14 **A. Yes.**
 15 Q. Let me ask it this way: Does that fit with your
 16 understanding of an agreement reached between
 17 Macomb and Detroit?
 18 **A. That's what it says.**
 19 Q. I'm looking at page 6 of 7, Adjustment to Resolve
 20 Disputes, paragraph 5. And that talks about a
 21 \$3 million adjustment to resolve disputes, almost
 22 2.2 -- well, 2.179 million applied to the OMI
 23 purchase price and 870,000 to the Macomb
 24 Interceptor purchase price. That's an accurate
 25 kind of summary of what that says, correct, that

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1 paragraph?
 2 **A. That's an accurate summary? I don't know.**
 3 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** I mean, those are
 4 defined terms in the agreement and you're not
 5 referencing them. You're just referencing the
 6 paragraph where they're used.
 7 **THE WITNESS:** I don't know if those
 8 numbers are true or not, so --
 9 **BY MR. WATSON:**
 10 Q. Okay. But let me ask it this way: Were you
 11 aware of a \$3 million adjustment to the purchase
 12 price in regard to the OMI agreement and in
 13 regard to the Macomb Interceptor purchase price?
 14 **A. I can't remember all that.**
 15 Q. But it is true that Detroit at some point agreed
 16 to reduce the purchase price, sort of clinch the
 17 deal? Do you recall that?
 18 **A. When was this?**
 19 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** Hold on. I'm going
 20 to object to that question. That's an overbroad
 21 question and it's certainly not what's being
 22 referred to in this agreement. If you have a
 23 question about a time frame that's unrelated to
 24 this question, I think you need to clarify.
 25 **BY MR. WATSON:**

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1 Q. I don't think it's overbroad, but let me break it
 2 down this way: Do you recall an OMI agreement
 3 reached between Detroit, Macomb, Oakland
 4 counties? Yes.
 5 **A. An agreement?**
 6 Q. Yes.
 7 **A. Yes.**
 8 Q. And that agreement was reached in 2009?
 9 **A. Exact date, I don't remember.**
 10 Q. Okay. But that agreement was reached before the
 11 acquisition agreement?
 12 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** With Macomb?
 13 **BY MR. WATSON:**
 14 Q. Do you recall that?
 15 **A. No.**
 16 Q. Okay. Do you recall that Detroit, to speed the
 17 negotiations along and try to get the deal
 18 concluded, agreed to reduce the purchase price on
 19 both the OMI system and the Macomb Interceptor
 20 system? Do you --
 21 **A. There was something --**
 22 Q. -- remember that all?
 23 **A. All I know, there was a \$17 million global**
 24 **settlement credit.**
 25 Q. Okay.

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1 **A. How that was broken out, I don't know.**
 2 Q. Do you recall there were other reductions in the
 3 purchase price on top of the 17 million?
 4 **A. I know there's -- and I'm not sure whether this**
 5 **happened before, after, whenever, but there was**
 6 **\$7 million that Detroit received back from**
 7 **contractors on the job, which they've never sent**
 8 **to Macomb County.**
 9 Q. 7 million?
 10 **A. Yeah.**
 11 Q. On what job?
 12 **A. On the collapse -- sewer collapse.**
 13 Q. That Detroit -- are you referring to the
 14 settlement Detroit had with Inland?
 15 **A. I believe so, yeah.**
 16 Q. And your position is Macomb should have gotten
 17 that money or some of that money?
 18 **A. Well, we paid it. We paid it to Inland. Why is**
 19 **Inland giving it to Detroit?**
 20 Q. Well, didn't Inland -- Detroit pay Inland and
 21 then --
 22 **A. No.**
 23 Q. -- the system was sold and you paid Detroit?
 24 **A. Absolutely wrong. Macomb County paid Detroit, who**
 25 **paid Inland. Inland refunded 7 million back to**

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1 **Detroit, and that money was never sent to Macomb**
 2 **County.**
 3 Q. Do you know what Detroit --
 4 **A. And then you want to ask me why things aren't fair**
 5 **and square here, right?**
 6 Q. Do you know what claims Detroit asserted in that
 7 lawsuit against Inland?
 8 **A. I don't know.**
 9 Q. Are you familiar that eventually Macomb County
 10 sued Detroit in Macomb Circuit Court?
 11 **A. Yes.**
 12 Q. Did you authorize that suit?
 13 **A. Yes, I did.**
 14 Q. Why?
 15 **A. Because I believe Macomb County rate payors were**
 16 **overcharged for the sewer collapse repair bill.**
 17 Q. And have you told us in this deposition all the
 18 reasons why you believe Macomb was overcharged?
 19 Any other statements? Facts?
 20 **A. I have an engineer's estimate what it would cost**
 21 **to do it. I have statements from federal court**
 22 **that admit to overcharging. I think those are two**
 23 **pretty good reasons.**
 24 Q. Is there anything else you have?
 25 **A. I think those are pretty good. Some people went**

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1 **to jail. Maybe they shouldn't have gone to jail.**
 2 **Maybe they weren't lying, huh?**
 3 **MR. WATSON:** Let me take a short break
 4 and we'll come back.
 5 (Off the record at 11:59 a.m.)
 6 **MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION:**
 7 **DEPOSITION EXHIBIT 8**
 8 12:12 a.m.
 9 (Back on the record at 12:12 p.m.)
 10 **BY MR. WATSON:**
 11 Q. Mr. Marrocco, you've been handed what's been
 12 marked as Exhibit 8 --
 13 **A. Yes.**
 14 Q. -- which appears to be the Summons and Complaint
 15 filed by Macomb Interceptor Drainage District
 16 against City of Detroit in Macomb Circuit Court,
 17 correct?
 18 **A. Yes.**
 19 Q. Did you see this Complaint prior to the time it
 20 was filed?
 21 **A. I'm sure I did, but I can't be --**
 22 Q. And you did authorize this suit?
 23 **A. Yes, I did.**
 24 Q. Going to page 3, under General and Factual
 25 Background, it reads "The primary cause of this

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1 action is a breach of contract/fraudulent
 2 inducement to contract by Detroit relating to the
 3 sale of assets, including, but not limited to,
 4 the Macomb Interceptor System." Do you see that
 5 language?
 6 **A. Yes, I do.**
 7 Q. Is that your understanding, that that's the
 8 primary claim, is breach of contract/fraudulent
 9 inducement?
 10 **A. That's what my attorney put there. I guess it's**
 11 **legalese.**
 12 Q. Now, with the fraud claim, is it your
 13 understanding that Macomb takes the position that
 14 Detroit, prior to the sale, should have disclosed
 15 certain information that it had?
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 Q. So it's the actions of Detroit before the sale
 18 that you're focused on?
 19 **A. Yes.**
 20 Q. In looking at paragraph -- look at paragraph 14.
 21 **A. Um-hmm.**
 22 Q. It talks about the superseding indictment in
 23 Ferguson and Inland Waters entering into side
 24 agreements. Do you see that paragraph?
 25 **A. I see 14, yes.**

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1 Q. Did you ever meet Bobby Ferguson?
 2 A. **Never.**
 3 Q. Has he ever done any work for Macomb County?
 4 A. **Not to my knowledge.**
 5 Q. Have you ever testified before the grand jury?
 6 A. **Never.**
 7 Q. Do you know if any Macomb County employees were
 8 interviewed in regard to the grand jury
 9 investigation, interviewed by the FBI or
 10 testified before the grand jury?
 11 A. **Regarding what?**
 12 Q. The 15 Mile Road sewer collapse.
 13 A. **So regarding that again, what's the question?**
 14 Q. Any Macomb County employees or attorneys testify
 15 before the grand jury or get interviewed by the
 16 FBI in regard to the matter?
 17 A. **No, I'm not aware of anybody.**
 18 Q. Do you have any personal knowledge of the
 19 dealings between Inland and Ferguson?
 20 A. **Only what I read.**
 21 Q. Have you ever done business -- Macomb done
 22 business with Inland?
 23 A. **Just recently.**
 24 Q. When did you do business with Inland?
 25 A. **It was in conjunction with Oakland County under**

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1 **the OMID drain district we formed with them, and**
 2 **they were awarded a contract this past year to do**
 3 **some repair work on the interceptor.**
 4 Q. Okay. Looking at paragraph 16, it talks about
 5 "in or about the spring of 2003, the DWSD and
 6 Inland agreed to set fixed unit prices for
 7 subcontractor work on CS-1368." Do you see that?
 8 A. **Yes.**
 9 Q. That's something you don't have any personal
 10 knowledge of, I take it?
 11 A. **I have no idea what CS-1368 is.**
 12 Q. Okay. As far as the various factual allegations,
 13 what D'Agostini did and Ferguson did and Inland
 14 did and Detroit did, is it fair to say you don't
 15 have personal knowledge of any of that stuff?
 16 A. **Only what I read.**
 17 Q. Okay. Did you consider the 15 Mile Road sewer
 18 collapse an emergency?
 19 A. **The only emergency was to restore the flow of the**
 20 **sewage.**
 21 Q. Do you know how long it took to restore that
 22 flow?
 23 A. **Exactly, I can't tell you, but it was a short**
 24 **period of time. I think it was Mersino -- the**
 25 **contractor went out there and put a bypass line in**

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1 **so the sewage could flow. At that point, the**
 2 **emergency was over.**
 3 Q. Do you know whether or not the bypass was
 4 something that was unstable and had to be
 5 monitored constantly?
 6 A. **Of course it would have to be. It's a temporary**
 7 **fix.**
 8 Q. Do you know whether or not the sinkhole was
 9 expanding?
 10 A. **I have no idea if it were or not.**
 11 Q. Did you consider it to be an emergency -- let me
 12 rephrase it.
 13 Did you believe that DWSD had to take
 14 actions to prevent houses from falling into the
 15 sinkhole immediately?
 16 A. **So start your question again.**
 17 Q. Okay. I'm trying to find out what was and was
 18 not an emergency. Was it an emergency to prevent
 19 homes from falling into the sinkhole? Should
 20 that action have been taken on an emergency
 21 basis, in your opinion?
 22 A. **Of course, if homes would have fallen into the**
 23 **sinkhole, but there's no proof of that. The homes**
 24 **were far enough away from the sinkhole.**
 25 Q. In regard to air pollution or water or polluting

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1 the water or backing up in basements, should
 2 actions have been taken to address those
 3 situations on an emergency basis?
 4 A. **There was none of that.**
 5 Q. Could that have happened if the repairs weren't
 6 effected quickly enough, though?
 7 A. **No, they had the emergency bypass and that was the**
 8 **main concern. Road was down. Road got**
 9 **barricaded, detour down to 14 Mile or detour up to**
 10 **16 Mile, that didn't create nothing. Like I say,**
 11 **once the sewage was flowing again, there was no**
 12 **emergency.**
 13 Q. Did you ever go out to the project?
 14 A. **Yes, I did.**
 15 Q. How many times did you go out there?
 16 A. **From the day of the sinkhole until it was final,**
 17 **opened up the road?**
 18 Q. Yeah.
 19 A. **Oh, my God, so many times I couldn't count, but I**
 20 **can tell you I was there the first day it was**
 21 **down. I was there.**
 22 Q. Was it a huge project?
 23 A. **Of course it was a huge project. I'm not saying**
 24 **it wasn't.**
 25 Q. Did Macomb have a representative assigned to

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1 monitor the progress on that project?
 2 **A. Yes.**
 3 Q. Who was that?
 4 **A. I believe it was Tom Stockel.**
 5 Q. Are you familiar with a Mr. Penrod? Was he there
 6 as well?
 7 **A. Don Penrod, sure, he might have been there, but I**
 8 **think Stockel might have been more on top of it.**
 9 **Penrod would have been his supervisor.**
 10 Q. What were they supposed to be doing out there,
 11 drinking coffee?
 12 **A. Just keeping an eye on the project, I guess, make**
 13 **sure it was moving along. I'm not sure. You kind**
 14 **of do that. City of Sterling Heights had someone**
 15 **there, too, an inspector, so --**
 16 Q. Did you expect them to look at documents to the
 17 extent there are contracts with contractors to
 18 fix things? Was part of their job to look at
 19 those agreements?
 20 **A. It was the City of Detroit's project. We had no**
 21 **say in what went on over there.**
 22 Q. Could they, to your knowledge, ask to see
 23 anything they wanted to see?
 24 **A. Could they ask?**
 25 Q. Yeah.

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1 **A. I don't know. But, again, the City of Detroit.**
 2 Q. Are you aware of Detroit ever denying any Macomb
 3 request as far as inspecting areas, viewing
 4 documents, attending meetings?
 5 **A. I'm not aware of that. No one ever made mention**
 6 **to me about it. It could have happened, but I'm**
 7 **not sure.**
 8 Q. Were the Macomb and Sterling Heights
 9 representatives allowed to go to the daily
 10 meetings?
 11 **A. I have no idea.**
 12 Q. Did you ever go to any of the daily meetings?
 13 **A. No, I never went to a daily meeting.**
 14 Q. When you were out there, was Mercado out there a
 15 lot as well?
 16 **A. On occasion. I seen him a couple times.**
 17 Q. Was Shukla the top guy on the scene day to day?
 18 **A. During the day there? No, I don't think I seen**
 19 **Shukla there.**
 20 Q. I'm looking at paragraph 33. Just to confirm,
 21 the last sentence reads "In return for these
 22 unlawful and excessive contract awards, profits,
 23 fees, expenses, and costs, the contractors and
 24 subcontractors made unlawful payments and/or
 25 provided unlawful gratuities to Kilpatrick,

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1 Ferguson and Miller." And you based that on the
 2 indictment?
 3 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** The paragraph
 4 expressly bases it on the indictment.
 5 **BY MR. WATSON:**
 6 Q. Do you have any additional knowledge in that
 7 regard? Anything outside of the indictment?
 8 **A. Myself?**
 9 Q. Yeah.
 10 **A. No.**
 11 Q. And then paragraph 35 starts off "The scheme
 12 resulted in excessive overcharges on the
 13 project." Do you see that?
 14 **A. Yes.**
 15 Q. And are you basing that on the indictment as
 16 well?
 17 **A. Not just the indictment. I'm also basing that on**
 18 **the engineer's estimate that we had prepared.**
 19 Q. Anything else?
 20 **A. I think that's sufficient.**
 21 Q. Anything else, though, whether or not it's
 22 sufficient? Is that all you can recall as we sit
 23 here today?
 24 **A. I had our engineer do an estimate, and I've also**
 25 **seen what the indictment says. Is there anything**

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1 **else? I mean, how else would you know? There was**
 2 **an admission in court. They admitted in court**
 3 **what they did.**
 4 Q. Looking at paragraph 40, it starts off "The
 5 grossly inflated project total became the
 6 plaintiff's direct responsibility for order of
 7 Judge Feikens dated December 18, 2008." Do you
 8 see that?
 9 **A. Yes.**
 10 Q. Do you understand what that means? I'm not
 11 sure -- I'm not familiar with Judge Feikens'
 12 order, December 18, 2008. Are you familiar with
 13 that at all?
 14 **A. No. I don't remember what he ordered on that**
 15 **date.**
 16 Q. And the -- pursuant to the settlement agreement
 17 or really the acquisition agreement, Macomb was
 18 obligated to pay Detroit, wasn't it, once you
 19 signed that acquisition agreement?
 20 **A. Okay. Now I understand what this December 18th**
 21 **might be. That may be when we -- I don't know --**
 22 **sued Detroit over -- we went to Feikens and said,**
 23 **hey, this is not Macomb County's bill to pay in**
 24 **total. It should be part of the system. And**
 25 **Feikens ruled against us and said no, Macomb has**

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1 to pay the total of the sewer collapse.
 2 Q. Oh, okay. Thank you. That's what that's about.
 3 Okay. Paragraph 41 says "At the time
 4 of this ruling, the scheme and its production of
 5 grossly inflated overcharges was concealed from
 6 Judge Feikens and MIDDD." Do you see that
 7 language?
 8 A. Yes.
 9 Q. And we've already talked about why you believe it
 10 was concealed, what you base the conclusion of
 11 fraud and concealment on, haven't we? The
 12 Mercado conversations? What I'm trying to say,
 13 is there anything else you base this allegation
 14 on other than what we've already covered in your
 15 deposition?
 16 A. Which allegation?
 17 Q. The allegation that the scheme and its production
 18 of grossly inflated overcharges was concealed
 19 from Judge Feikens and MIDDD.
 20 A. Yes.
 21 Q. And is there anything else you base that on other
 22 than what you've testified to today?
 23 A. No. That's it, I think.
 24 Q. Okay.
 25 A. Do you want me to make up something for you?

1 objectionable question, but you can go ahead.
 2 BY MR. WATSON:
 3 Q. The articles you read, what were they focused on?
 4 A. What were they focused on?
 5 Q. Yeah. You said you read articles about the
 6 indictment.
 7 A. They were focused on criminal enterprise that they
 8 had going on, and how they overcharged for the
 9 sewer collapse.
 10 Q. So you've seen articles about overcharging for
 11 the sewer collapse?
 12 A. Um-hmm.
 13 Q. Do you recall what publication these articles
 14 were in?
 15 A. Local papers.
 16 Q. Macomb or --
 17 A. Daily.
 18 Q. -- Detroit?
 19 A. Detroit. I think I also read some of the
 20 transcripts.
 21 Q. Trial transcript?
 22 A. Yes.
 23 Q. Did you ever see anything about favoritism in any
 24 of the articles?
 25 A. Criminal activity, I did.

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1 Q. No, I absolutely don't.
 2 I take it you disagree with Judge
 3 Cleland's deposition that the tort claims belong
 4 to Detroit?
 5 A. Of course, anything that's ruled against us, I'm
 6 against. If it was in my favor, I'd like it.
 7 Q. In regard to the Ferguson indictment, you
 8 mentioned a few times what you read in the paper,
 9 indictment, Ferguson, Miller, Mercado,
 10 Kilpatrick. Weren't the articles in the paper
 11 primarily focused on favoritism shown to Ferguson
 12 by Kilpatrick?
 13 A. Is that what they focused on?
 14 Q. Yeah.
 15 MS. BADALAMENTI: What time frame are
 16 you referring to?
 17 BY MR. WATSON:
 18 Q. I'm referring to 2010 -- December 2010 and years
 19 thereafter when they talked about the
 20 indictments. Weren't they primarily focused on
 21 Ferguson being unfairly favored in getting all
 22 these contracts and --
 23 MS. BADALAMENTI: I'm going to object
 24 to foundation. He doesn't know what articles
 25 you're talking about. It's an overbroad and

1 Q. Don't recall favoritism?
 2 A. No, I don't. There's a lot of words in the
 3 English language to specify one or the other. I
 4 don't know, but --
 5 Q. Look at paragraph 83. It reads "Defendant
 6 knowingly and intentionally made
 7 misrepresentations leading up to and in the
 8 Macomb acquisition agreement." Do you see that
 9 language?
 10 A. Not yet. Paragraph 83?
 11 Q. Yeah.
 12 A. Okay. I'm on it now.
 13 Q. And by defendant, defendant is?
 14 A. Detroit?
 15 Q. Detroit. The individuals you're aware of -- or
 16 individual who made these misrepresentations is
 17 Mercado? Is that to you personally are aware of?
 18 MS. BADALAMENTI: I'm going to object.
 19 It calls for a legal conclusion, Mr. Marrocco
 20 didn't draft this document. He doesn't know what
 21 the paragraph is referring to. He couldn't
 22 possibly answer that question. But you can go
 23 ahead. Do the best you can.
 24 BY MR. WATSON:
 25 Q. Well, who from your personal knowledge, not what

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1 you read in the papers or -- just what you know,
 2 who made the misrepresentations? Anyone other
 3 than Mercado and the misrepresentations that have
 4 been fully discussed?
 5 **A. As far as the purchase price for the system? Is**
 6 **that what you're talking about?**
 7 Q. Yeah, the purchase --
 8 **A. I don't think there was a full disclosure, whether**
 9 **it's Mercado or the legal department of Detroit.**
 10 Q. Did you speak to anyone in the legal department?
 11 **A. No. There's so many people. I ain't going to set**
 12 **there and speak to everybody. You just expect in**
 13 **a business relationship, you bring forward**
 14 **everything you have, all the information you have.**
 15 Q. The one you personally spoke to was Mercado?
 16 **A. Yes.**
 17 Q. And we fully covered those conversations, haven't
 18 we?
 19 **A. Yes. I spoke to him more than the occasions we**
 20 **talked about. We talked -- he came to my office**
 21 **one day and I spoke to him in my office.**
 22 Q. We haven't talked about that one, have we?
 23 **A. No.**
 24 Q. What was discussed?
 25 **A. I told you about on the project site. I said a**

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1 **few times over there, but also the time he came to**
 2 **my office.**
 3 Q. What was discussed then?
 4 **A. Well, that he was going to give credit back or**
 5 **something on jobs.**
 6 Q. Anything else you recall?
 7 **A. No. That was the main -- main point of it, but**
 8 **then that never materialized, so --**
 9 Q. Any other time you talked to him where he made
 10 some type of misrepresentation?
 11 **A. Yeah, in his office down in Detroit. I talked to**
 12 **him in his office.**
 13 Q. What did he say then?
 14 **A. Basically the same thing all the time, we'll make**
 15 **adjustments, we'll make adjustments, or**
 16 **everything's fair. If there's anything wrong,**
 17 **we'll give you an adjustment back, this and that.**
 18 Q. Is Macomb County willing to give the system back
 19 to Detroit if Detroit refunds the purchase price?
 20 Do you want to rescind this whole deal?
 21 **MS. BADALAMENTI:** I'm going to object
 22 again. You're talking about something that's been
 23 pled, a legal term of rescission as a remedy, and
 24 he's not a lawyer. He's not in a position to
 25 answer that question. But you can go ahead, to

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1 the best you're able.
 2 **BY MR. WATSON:**
 3 Q. Do you want to rescind the deal?
 4 **A. If I can get a cheaper price than the \$90 million,**
 5 **I guess I would. I think, you know, there's more**
 6 **evidence out there now.**
 7 Q. While the project was going on and Macomb had at
 8 least one representative on the project, are you
 9 aware of any complaint Macomb ever registered
 10 about the project and the cost other than the
 11 testimony you've given?
 12 **A. Anybody we had out on the job --**
 13 Q. Yeah.
 14 **A. -- was not there -- was not there to contain cost.**
 15 Q. Did they ever complain about the costs, to your
 16 knowledge?
 17 **A. They would not -- that was -- they're not**
 18 **experienced in that, and that was not their job.**
 19 Q. Do you know of anyone complaining about the costs
 20 other than what you testified to when you
 21 complained to Mercado?
 22 **A. Oh, I think I'm the person who should complain**
 23 **about the cost.**
 24 Q. Are you aware of anyone else complaining?
 25 **A. I don't think I should have to be aware.**

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1 Q. Well, whether or not you --
 2 **A. The buck stops here. I made the decision. And**
 3 **they overcharged.**
 4 Q. Okay. Did Misterovich ever complain, to your
 5 knowledge?
 6 **A. Misterovich is an attorney.**
 7 Q. What does that mean?
 8 **A. He's not a contractor. He's not in the**
 9 **construction industry.**
 10 Q. Can you answer my question? Other than what
 11 you've testified to, are you aware of any other
 12 complaints about the costs?
 13 **A. You know, I probably had rumblings. If you want**
 14 **me to specify the name of a person, I can't do**
 15 **that, but just there were rumblings. There were**
 16 **rumblings.**
 17 **MR. WATSON:** All right. That's all
 18 I've got.
 19 **EXAMINATION**
 20 **BY MS. BADALAMENTI:**
 21 Q. I just have a couple of questions.
 22 Commissioner, if you had known about
 23 these overcharges, would Macomb have entered into
 24 the acquisition agreement on these terms?
 25 **A. Absolutely not. We would have wanted more than**

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1 that 17 million -- 17 million? We would have
 2 asked for more than \$17 million credit.
 3 Q. If the -- if you had known that there was an
 4 ongoing criminal investigation by the FBI that
 5 preceded the acquisition agreement, that had that
 6 information been disclosed to you by Detroit
 7 prior to September 2nd, 2010, would you have
 8 entered into the acquisition agreement?
 9 A. No. That's for sure not.

10 MS. BADALAMENTI: No further questions.

11 MR. WATSON: Nothing further.

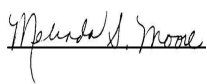
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13 Signature of the witness was not requested by
 14 counsel for the respective parties hereto.)
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6 I, MELINDA S. MOORE, certify that this
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 8 hereinbefore set forth; that the foregoing
 9 questions and answers were recorded by me
 10 stenographically and reduced to computer
 11 transcription; that this is a true, full and
 12 correct transcript of my stenographic notes so
 13 taken; and that I am not related to, nor of
 14 counsel to, either party nor interested in the
 15 event of this cause.
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